

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIGENISATION OF NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'lack of facilities has hit indigenisation of Navy' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 24, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether there is a lack of modern facility at shipyards in the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to modernise shipyards and to indigenise Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Modernisation and development of shipyards viz-a-viz indigenisation of Indian Navy is an ongoing process dictated primarily by the threat perceptions and prevailing external strategic/security environment as also the emerging technologies. With increased emphasis on induction of high technology, naval platforms the shipyards are programmed for periodic upgradation in technology to achieve greater indigenisation of the Navy.